

CCC Early Detection and Screening Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 24, 2006
2:00-4:00 pm
Conference Call (602) 542-9007

Attendees: Dr. Laura Tillman, Shannon Myers, Jennifer Kjos, Virginia Warren, Heidi Behrens, MaryAnn Smythe, Margaret Hoeft, Lauren Tancona, Jennifer Lenz

Apologies: Dr. Charlton Wilson, Dr. Peter Lance, Cynthia Claus, Dr. Richard Jones, Wendy Satoyoshi

Agenda Items	Discussion	Follow-up Items
Welcome/Introductions	<p>Committee members introduced themselves. Representation from Phoenix Indian Medical Center, the American Cancer Society, Yavapai Community Health Center, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a cancer survivor and advocate, and the Arizona Department of Health Services were present. In addition to the original committee members, participants from the "Sharing Committee" have been invited to participate in this forum moving forward. The Sharing Committee was originally put together to have key stakeholders in women's health come together to share their initiatives, challenges, and successes with others to increase collaboration, eliminate duplication of efforts, and learn from each other.</p> <p>Jennifer Lenz with the Well Woman HealthCheck Program from ADHS will co-chair the committee with Virginia Warren.</p>	
Review of Committee Objectives	<p>J. Lenz reviewed the 3 committee objectives that the group had determined to be priority areas.</p> <p>Objective 2.1: Increase the proportion of women aged 40 years and over who have received a mammogram and clinical breast exam within the part year to 70% by 2010.</p> <p>Objective 2.3: For adults aged 50 years and over, increase the proportion of the population who has been screened for colorectal cancer using colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy, or fecal occult blood test to 50% by 2010.</p> <p>Objective 2.8: Support a capacity building conference promoting collaboration among existing agencies in order to disseminate information about current and developing screening methods and tools by 2010.</p>	
Review of November Meeting Minutes	<p>The November meeting minute discussion was summarized. At the November meeting the committee had discussed moving forward with gathering health insurance companies, public health professionals, physicians, nurses, and other traditional and non-traditional partners to brainstorm and discuss why breast and cervical cancer screening rates are falling in AZ. The suggested action was to identify potential invitees and to invite to a ½ day meeting.</p>	
Discussion of next steps	<p>The committee discussed participants that need to be represented at the</p>	

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for planning 1/2 day meeting	<p>brainstorming meeting. Discussion related to having committee members that can give input on their organizations screening rates, barriers, and successes would be beneficial. Suggestions for additional invitees include, healthplans, AHCCCS, representation from the disparity committee, radiology center representation, and other health providers and organizations involved in breast health. The committee requested a listing of organizations currently represented by the committee to better identify other potential participation.</p> <p>The committee determined that there was a need to have further discussion prior to scheduling a ½ day meeting. The committee felt there was information that needed to be gathered on what barriers are being experienced. Committee members were curious as to whether the practice of moving patients to a 3 year pap was decreasing women who were being seen for an annual exam and increasing the length between mammograms. Other barriers mentioned included the media and mixed messages along with lack of PCP suggestion to get a mammogram, and coordination of care with multiple providers. The committee suggested collecting and sharing barrier information to better identify actions.</p> <p>The committee also determined the need to gather information on current screening rates among organizations, find out what is currently being done by the various organizations to improve cancer-screening rates (breast, cervical, colon), and to share successes. A request to have data on how the state is performing along with information on other states that have performed well.</p> <p>The next meeting will focus on barrier identification.</p>	<p>J. Lenz to compile a listing of the agencies represented on the committee.</p> <p>J. Lenz will request committee members provide information on their organizations breast, cervical, and colon screening rates, barriers experienced, and current initiatives to increase rates. This information will be collected and consolidated for committee review at the next meeting. Information on state and national performance will also be pulled and made available by ADHS.</p>
Sharing Information	<p>A representative from each group present gave a brief update of their current initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heidi Behrens from Yavapai Community Health Center reported that they are working on outreach efforts with the Yavapai Apache tribe to better identify what services are needed. Feedback from the tribe indicated that there was not an access problem for getting mammography but rather would like help with outreach and education. In addition to tribal outreach, the health center is also working with the Prescott Pride Center to try to increase the screening rate among women who partner with women. They are looking at the potential of having Mautner Project training and the idea of having this training across Well Woman HealthCheck contractors statewide was suggested. Yavapai is also pursuing cultural competency training for all staff. On May 20th, a Women's Health Expo is being held in Yavapai that will focus on women ages 40+, they have confirmed speakers to discuss various women's health issues, including menopause and heart health, as well as having several health screenings available. • Lauren Tancona from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 	<p>J. Lenz to evaluate the ability to provide Mautner Project training to Well Woman contractors.</p>

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Next Meeting Date	To be determined	